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PATENT

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Applicant: Chalberg

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For: CORE SUPPORT FOR AN F-LATTICE
CORE OF A BOILING WATER
NUCLEAR REACTOR

Art Unit: 3641

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the following amendment submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002, and made final, and the Advisory Action dated February 3, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (twice amended) A core plate assembly for a nuclear reactor, the reactor comprising a plurality of control rods, a plurality of cruciform shaped control rod guide tubes, and a plurality of fuel bundles having lower tie plates, said core plate assembly comprising:

a flat plate;

a plurality of support beams, said flat plate positioned on top of said support beams;

a plurality of control rod guide tube openings, each said guide tube opening sized to receive a control rod guide tube; and

a plurality of fuel supports extending through said flat plate, each said fuel support comprising: